



# Headbourne Worthy Village News

Autumn/Winter 2016

News and Information from your local Parish Council



## Flood Preparation

Its now nearly two years since we last saw flooding in the village, and although groundwater levels are currently not of concern, we should aim to be as prepared as we can be.

### Action Plan:

- For residents with low-lying properties, you can sign up to the Environment Agency's Floodline Warning System at <https://fwd.environment-agency.gov.uk/>. This should give you advance warning of flood risk.
- Take a look at the National Flood Forum ([www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk](http://www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk)) for advice on how to prepare your home and your family for a flood.
- If you have Riparian Rights (i.e. you own land next to a ditch, stream, or river) then please read up on your rights & responsibilities at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/riverside-ownership-rights-and-responsibilities>. Ditches and culverts help water to flow out of the village and onto the flood plain, and should be cleared out before the winter - its easier to do this before the ground freezes.

- Add your name, address, email address & phone number to our Parish List so that we know how to get hold of you in an emergency. We promise that these details will go no further.

Parish Councillors have had regular meetings with Hampshire County Council, and are in the process of developing a plan to improve floodwater management through the village: from Littleton under the railway embankment, under Down Farm Lane and into the Watercress beds; and from Bull Farm in Kings Worthy via the ditches alongside Springvale Road. The Parish Council is considering allocating funds from the Parish Precept to put towards improvements.

*Claire Welland, PC Chair*

**To contact your Parish Council, visit [www.headbourneworthy.org.uk](http://www.headbourneworthy.org.uk)**

or contact the Parish Clerk, Jill Judge, email [clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk)

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## Pavement Parking

Walking around the village is a necessity for some: those who walk their dogs, those who don't have transport, those who walk their children to school. As a Parish Council, we are very aware that we have a responsibility to those who travel through our village, whatever their mode of transport. We also have a large number of elderly residents, some of whom live at Headbourne Worthy House and the Dower House, and an increasing number of families with younger children. We should all be aware that if we park on the pavement, then we are forcing our more vulnerable residents to walk into the road. Even though the speed limit throughout the built-up part of the village is now a consistent 30mph, it is still dangerous.



## All Change

Harry & Sandie Whorwood have now left Headbourne Worthy for a new start in Wales, and we wish them well. Harry was first a Councillor, then Chair of the Parish Council, and he has left a legacy of Flood Action work that will help all residents the next time that we face another such crisis. As a result we have a Casual Vacancy for a Parish Councillor: if you have been resident in the village for a year or more and would like to volunteer 6 evenings per year, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

We also have a new Parish Clerk: our thanks go to our outgoing Clerk, Lisa Lacey, and we welcome Jill Judge, from Sparsholt, to the Council. Jill can be contacted on 01962 776233 or by email at:

[clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk](mailto:clerk@headbourneworthy.org.uk)  
Taking Harry's place as Chair of the Parish Council is Cllr Claire Welland. Claire has been a Parish Councillor since 2010.

## Overhanging Hedges

This is a timely opportunity to remind householders that they are responsible for trimming any hedges, shrubs or trees on their property which grow alongside the pavement. Too often by midsummer hedges have sprouted so wildly that pedestrians are forced to walk on the road rather than the pavement. Ask yourself if a tall man wheeling a pram while holding onto a toddler's hand, can get past your property without ducking or having to step onto the highway. If the answer is 'no' then please get clipping!

# County Councillor's Report

The Green Paper on Education is open for consultation until the 12th December seeking your views on four subjects. They are:- single-faith Faith schools, how the Independent Sector could justify its charity status, how Universities could raise tuition fees further if they sponsor schools, and whether to offer Grammar schools (and I presume Secondary

Moderns?) across the country. Please go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search 'Schools that work for everyone' to give your views.

I have a limited number of these 'Slow Down' stickers for your bin if you'd like one. Please contact me direct.

Huge thanks to those residents and businesses who organised coffee mornings both large and smaller which raised lots of money for Macmillan Care - and to those who went along and spent money!

Local activities raising money for worthwhile causes range from eating cakes to running marathons this month!



At the Rotary Clarendon Marathon, over 1000 runners were inspired to run either the whole 26 miles, as a full or half marathon or as a relay, with 250 volunteers on the day.

## Keep Me Posted campaign

When my Mother died suddenly in the summer, I was so glad that she had kept her records on paper. Although she had a 'computer tablet' which she adored, keeping financial records on paper has made sorting out her affairs much easier, and it reminded me of the campaign 'Keep Me Posted' which now has EU-wide support. You can find out more about the campaign by writing to 'Keep Me Posted', PO Box 72064, LONDON, EC4P 4DZ or going to [www.keepmeposteduk.com](http://www.keepmeposteduk.com)

Finally - if you need a small grant for your organisation, please consider applying for a slice of my County Devolved Budget. This grant offer varies enormously from defibrillator support to starting a new Morris dancing group! If you have an idea - please discuss it with me before you apply.

Contact me, your County Councillor Jackie Porter on [Jackie@jackieporter.co.uk](mailto:Jackie@jackieporter.co.uk), by text on 07973 696 085, or by post The Down House, Itchen Abbas, Winchester SO21 1AX, by telephone 01962 791054 or twitter @JackieLibDem

## Support the Mayor's Charity Ball

Come to the Mayor's Ball on Saturday 26th November at Worthy Down Officers' Mess

Tickets just £60pp for gourmet 3 course dinner and all the trimmings of a regimental style ball with dancing to the AGC's Contemporary Band  
Tickets must be purchased by 14th November. Available from the Tourist Information Centre at the Guildhall, tel 840500 or via the website:

[www.mayorofwinchesterscharities.co.uk](http://www.mayorofwinchesterscharities.co.uk)



## Chimney Fire Safety.

Most chimney fires are preventable. Regular inspection and cleaning of chimney flues will help prevent fires within your chimney.

### **Here are some simple tips to reduce the chances of a fire in your chimney:**

- Sweep the chimney before use if you haven't used it for some time.
- Ensure a fireguard is in front of the fire at all times.
- Sparkguards can prevent a serious property fire.
- Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to light your fire.

### **Recommended maintenance routine:**

- **Solid fuel appliances** - should be swept once a year for smokeless fuel and twice a year if you're using coal.
- **Wood burning appliances** - should be swept every three months when in use.
- **Gas appliances** - once a year if designed for sweeping.
- **Oil fired appliances** - once a year.



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### **If you have a chimney fire:**

- Dial 999 and ask for **the Fire Service**. It will help if someone can wait outside to meet us.
  - If you have a conventional open fire, extinguish the fire in the grate by gently splashing water onto the open fire a little at a time allowing the steam to vent up the chimney.
  - If you have a solid fuel appliance, close down the ventilation as much as possible.
  - Move furniture and rugs away from the fireplace and remove any nearby ornaments.
  - Place a sparkguard in front of the fire.
  - Feel the chimney breast in other rooms for signs of heat.
  - If a wall is becoming hot, move furniture away.
  - Ensure that access to your attic or roof space is available for us as we will want to thoroughly check this area for signs of possible fire spread.
- If smoke starts to enter your property, move outside as soon as possible

### **Useful contact points and further information:**

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service homepage: [www.hantsfire.gov.uk](http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk)

Community Fire Safety Department: 02380 626809

Email: [community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:community.firesafety@hantsfire.gov.uk)

